

Testimony of Steve Bruno on behalf of the Elevator Constructors Local 91
To the Government Administration & Elections Committee

In Opposition to SB 1010, AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS FROM THE
DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, PUBLIC SAFETY AND EDUCATION AND
THE JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND
DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES.

Dear Members of the Government Administration & Elections Committee:

My name is Steven A Bruno. I am the business manager of the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 91 located here in the state of Connecticut. I am here today to oppose Bill SB1010.

Now I am sure all of you are beginning to wonder why the business manager of the elevator constructors is here and voicing an opinion to this bill. My concern is due to the changing of the office of the state building inspector which will have a very damaging effect on the bureau of elevators.

Currently we have more than 15,400 elevators registered in our state, all of which are inspected every 18 months. We only have 11 inspectors at the bureau of elevators and aside from these required inspections, they are also required to witness tests by state licensed elevator contractors. They also investigate accidents and complaints and sometimes, unfortunately, respond to and investigate fatalities.

Elevator use in our state is abundant but at the same time almost always ignored. It is taken for granted by each and every one of us and then pushed aside when someone raises a concern.

This bill looks at the bureau of elevators just as I have described it. It does not list it, address it, and as far as I know, care about it; it is an after thought, buried under the office of the state building inspector, and now to be moved to the new construction services department.

In closing, please consider this as all of you make these difficult choices. Please consider leaving our bureau of elevators where it rightfully belongs just like it says... with the Department of Public Safety.

I thank you for your time and patience and I will be glad to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Steve Bruno